

BERLIN'S PLOT ADMISSION STIRS CONGRESS WAR CRY

WAR DEMANDS RING IN SENATE ON BERLIN PLOT

Fall and Brandegee Urge Declaration of Hostilities

GERMAN CONFESSION STIRS HOT SPEECHES

Zimmermann's Admission Taken as Warlike Act Against U. S.

WILSON POWER ASSURED

Bill Giving President Full Authority to Be Passed Today

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Debate in the Senate this afternoon on the arming of American merchantmen against German submarine attacks...

Germany's acknowledgment of her conspiracy has removed the last vestige of opposition in the Senate to the armed neutrality bill.

News of the Berlin admission was read into the record at the request of Senator Brandegee. The news created a profound impression on Senators, being reread by unanimous request.

It made absolutely certain that before midnight President Wilson will be armed with the fullest authority of Congress to arm American merchantmen against submarine attacks and uphold American rights at sea.

FALL FOR WAR DECLARATION Senator Fall, of New Mexico, urged an arm declaration of war "within fifteen minutes."

Senator Brandegee declared Germany has already in effect declared war on the United States, and advocated giving the President authority "to carry hostilities to a successful conclusion."

Nierman declared war on all mankind on February 1, when she proclaimed a resumption of the submarine warfare, said Senator Brandegee.

"There is no time to deliver moral homilies, or Salvation Army tracts, or sermons on the mount to a nation gone mad," he denounced the activities of the pacifists as "approaching treason."

The passage of the Senate bill, giving the President complete authority to deal with the submarine crisis, would be the equivalent of a limited declaration of war, Senator Fall declared.

Not since the Spanish War days has the Senate been the scene of so much excitement. So intense was the interest on spectators that special cards had to be distributed to control admission to the galleries.

U-BOAT WAS INDISPENSIBLE "Gentlemen talk about being neutral between the British blockade and an ambush from which a great nation has announced its intention of having destruction against men, women and children," said Senator Brandegee.

"Great Britain can settle after the war. Can Germany ever settle for the Americans who perished on the Lusitania and the Laconia? There is no compensation for such acts."

"Is there any defense against such acts? Shall we sit here supinely and allow the mass of our people to be slaughtered and shipped from the seas? Are we obliged to wait for the slaughter of our citizens to be actually accomplished before we act? I trust that we have not yet reached such an abnormal depth of degradation that we will turn our flag and withdraw from the seas at the behest of a misguided band of pacifists."

"This is no mere question of submarine warfare. Germany has openly declared its intention of slaughtering mankind. This is no time to deliver moral homilies, or Salvation Army tracts, or sermons on the mount to a nation that has gone mad and become a raving maniac."

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HEADS SUFFRAGE CLANS Miss Alice Paul was elected national chairman of the amalgamated Congressional Union for Women Suffrage and the National Woman's party today in joint convention at Washington.

PRESIDENT TO TAKE 2 OATHS OF OFFICE

First Tomorrow Privately in Senate, Second Formally in Public

TROOPS TO LINE ROUTE

WASHINGTON, March 3.—President Woodrow Wilson will take the oath of office as his own successor at noon tomorrow.

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GERMANY CONFESSES EFFORT TO ENLIST MEXICO AGAINST U. S. AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE

Not "Unfriendly," is Zimmermann's Amazing Statement of Intrigues for Attack Upon This Country if U-Boat War Were Resisted

Germans Seek Justification in Wilson's Appeal to Neutrals—Nation Ready to Defend Interests Now, Regardless of Consequent Clash—Plan for Action Mapped Out

AMSTERDAM, March 3.—Admitting her endeavor to align Japan and Mexico with the Kaiser's Government against the United States, Germany today justified that attempt on the ground that she had a right to take precautions in view of the possibilities of war with America.

Germany decided upon this step after making her decision to wage unrestricted submarine warfare. It was impelled to such a course by the previous attitude of the United States and subsequently developments have justified the course, it was stated.

The semiofficial statement from Berlin read: After Germany's decision to wage unrestricted submarine warfare, in view of the previous attitude of the American Government, we were compelled to reckon on the possibility of conflict with the United States.

The subsequent severance of diplomatic relations by the United States, and the request by the United States that other neutral nations join her in such action, proved that our calculation was correct.

Because we were anticipating such a possibility, it was not only our right, but our duty, to take precautions so as to balance, if there was a possible adhesion of a new enemy to our enemies.

Accordingly, the German Minister to Mexico, in the middle of January, was instructed, in the event of the United States declaring war, to offer the Mexican Government an alliance and to arrange further details.

These instructions expressly enjoined the German Minister to make no advances to Mexico unless he knew certainly that America intended to declare war.

Resignation of German Foreign Secretary Zimmermann and an abrupt termination of the diplomatic career of Count Johann von Bernstorff, former German Ambassador to the United States, are regarded by Dutch officials in close touch with German conditions as certain to follow the revelation of the Zimmermann letter in the United States.

PLOT AGAINST U. S. NOT "UNFRIENDLY," SAYS GERMAN FOREIGN SECRETARY

BERLIN, March 3.—The official press agency today issued the following statement: "Foreign Secretary Zimmermann was asked by a staff member of the official German press bureau about the English report of a German plot revealed to get Mexico to declare war against the United States and to secure Japan's aid against the United States."

"The State Secretary for Foreign Affairs answered: 'You understand that it is impossible for me to discuss the facts of this 'revealed plot' just at this moment and under these circumstances. 'I, therefore, may be allowed to limit my answer to what is said in the English reports, which most certainly were not inspired by sympathy with Germany.'

"The English reports expressly state that Germany expected and wished to remain with the United States on terms of friendship, but

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TAXI WRECK VICTIM A CAMDEN ACTRESS

One of Dead in Baltimore Tragedy Was Carolina Haines. Funeral Tomorrow

The body of the young woman who was killed Wednesday night when a taxicab in which she was riding plunged into the river at Baltimore has been identified as Miss Carolina Haines, twenty-seven-year-old daughter of the late Clement Haines, of Camden.

Miss Haines had gone by the stage name of Marie Wood since she left home about eleven years ago to go into burlesque and cabaret shows. Her mother, Mrs. Mary Haines Hickman, is living in Gloucester, N. J.

Together with the Camden girl were killed Miss Edna King, New York burlesque player; Jean Carroll, Baltimore cabaret singer, and E. L. Gordon, Pittsburgh merchant, who were riding in the taxi when the driver plunged into the river while taking a short cut.

Miss Haines' body is expected in Camden tonight. Funeral services will be held from the home of a cousin, Mrs. Jennie Smith, 330 Chestnut street, Camden, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, with the Rev. John Townsend officiating. Interment will be in the New Camden Cemetery.

Minstrel Home From Wanderings SELLERSVILLE, Pa., March 3.—Black Philip, a wandering negro minstrel, has returned to Sellersville after an absence of a generation. The negro, who is now ninety-one years old, used to entertain the children of the town a half-century ago with his famous...

ALICE PAUL ELECTED WOMAN'S PARTY HEAD

Chairman of German Organizations Protested Voting Woman Should Be Named

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Although she protested, urging that a voting woman be given the honor, Miss Alice Paul was today unanimously elected national chairman of the new National Woman's Party, the merged Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage and the old National Woman's Party.

Miss Anne Martin, of Nevada, was chosen vice chairman; Miss Mabel Verne, of Nevada, secretary, and Miss Gertrude Crocker, of Illinois, treasurer.

After the business session of the convention every delegate pledged herself to take part, rain or shine, in the big "en-circling-the-White-House" demonstration tomorrow.

Won't Abandon Lancaster Line LANCASTER Pa., March 3.—Announcement was made last night by the directors of the Lancaster, Oxford and Southern Railroad that the section of road connecting the lower end of Lancaster County with the Pennsylvania would not be abandoned as has been reported. The line is used for shipping much stuff from the lower end to Philadelphia and farmers in that section urged that service on the line be continued.

QUICK NEWS

WILSON SIGNS "BONE DRY" POSTOFFICE BILL

WASHINGTON, March 3.—President Wilson today signed the postoffice appropriation bill carrying the "bone dry" prohibition provision and the pneumatic mail tube amendment.

FRANCE TO PUBLISH U-BOAT VICTIMS WEEKLY

PARIS, March 3.—The French Government announced today that the names of vessels torpedoed by German submarines would be published weekly hereafter, instead of daily.

HOUSE TO BE ASKED TO RUSH ESPIONAGE BILL

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Chairman Webb, of the House Judiciary Committee, late today will ask for a special rule on the general espionage bill passed by the Senate. "This was decided at a meeting of the committee this morning. The President is understood to have expressed a wish that the bill be passed."

GREEK GRAIN SHIP SUNK BY U-BOAT

LONDON, March 3.—The ship Proconisus, requisitioned by the Greek Government to bring grain from America for the benefit of the Royalist populace, has been sunk by a submarine.

ARTILLERY FUSE COMPANY'S DIVIDEND 200 PER CENT

WILMINGTON, March 3.—Announcement is made by the Artillery Fuse Company of the payment on March 1 of a dividend of 200 per cent to stockholders of record February 25. In view of the fact that this company was organized less than two years ago and that its plant has been in actual operation less than nine months, the payment of such a dividend at this time is considered remarkable.

"JERRY" HURLEY, KINDLY RESERVE COP, DEAD

Reserve Policeman Jeremiah Hurley, forty-four years old, 23 South Thirty-second street, for many years a familiar figure in the neighborhood of Eleventh and Chestnut streets, died at his home last night after a brief illness of pneumonia. He was appointed to the police force in 1899, and is remembered for his height and military bearing, as well as his courtesy.

WILSON SIGNS \$450,000,000 REVENUE BILL

WASHINGTON, March 3.—President Wilson today signed the emergency revenue bill at the White House. The measure carries \$450,000,000 for the depleted treasury.

ANOTHER BIG APPROPRIATION BILL PASSES HOUSE

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Another of the great appropriation bills which it had been expected would be held back by Republicans as a lever by which to force an extra session of Congress was finally passed by the Senate today, when the conference report of the two houses of the legislative, executive and judicial bill was adopted. Two minutes sufficed for adoption, which was unanimous.

CITY NAMES TWO \$1000 SURVEYORS

Director Datesman, of the Department of Public Works, today announced the appointment of two surveyors, each at a salary of \$1000 a year. The men will take the places of men who recently went on the pension roll. One of the appointments is that of A. Zane Hoffman, of 4862 North Broad street, who has been in the city's service for ten years. The other is that of George L. Martin, who is promoted from assistant surveyor to surveyor.

LANCASTER POTATOES TUMBLE DOLLAR A BUSHEL

LANCASTER, Pa., March 3.—The potato market collapsed here today and potatoes were quoted by wholesale dealers at \$1.50 a bushel, against \$2.50 a bushel on February 28. There was a plentiful supply and a further drop was predicted.

WRIGHT AND CARLSTROM TO AID U. S. FLYING CORPS

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Victor Carlstrom, whose record flight from Chicago to New York, carrying United States mails, made him famous as an aviator, today was commissioned a captain in the aviation section of the Signal Officers' Reserve Corps. Orville Wright, inventor of the heavier-than-air flying machine, will soon be commissioner a major in the reserve corps. Both men will be available for services with the flying forces in case of war.

TEN DIE WHEN NEW ZEPPELIN EXPLODES

LONDON, March 3.—One of Germany's newest Zeppelins blew up while making a trial trip over Belgium Monday and ten of its crew were burned alive, according to Amsterdam dispatches today.

U-BOAT THAT SUNK NINE SHIPS WRECKED

BERLIN, March 3.—The German submarine which recently sank near Hammerfest had previously destroyed nine armed Russian steamships, according to a Christiania dispatch to the Neue Zürcher Zeitung. These ships were bought by Russia in South America.

DEATH ROLL IN STATE SHOWS SLIGHT DECREASE

HARRISBURG, March 3.—Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, Health Commissioner of Pennsylvania, today made his annual report on the deaths in Pennsylvania to Governor Brumbaugh. The report shows that the death rate during 1916 was 14.6 for every thousand residents of the State, slightly higher than in 1915, when the rate was 13.8. The 1915 rate was the lowest in the history of the State.

BULGAR CZAR REPORTED DANGEROUSLY ILL

GENEVA, March 3.—Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria is dangerously ill at an Austrian health resort, according to advices received here from Rome today. Frequent reports have come from Rome since Bulgaria entered the war on the side of the Central Powers that the Bulgarian ruler was seriously ill, and generally it was reported that he had gone to an Austrian resort. None of these reports has ever been confirmed from Sofia.

\$5,000,000 SPENT ON MILITIA MEN'S FAMILIES

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Five million dollars has been expended by the Government in aiding families of militia men since the return from the Mexican border. Applications for relief are still pouring in at the bureau for militia relief at the rate of 150 a day, and the relief bureau, with unprecedented demand being made upon it, is now within \$1,250,000 of its total appropriation. No provision for continuing the work has been made by the present Congress.

ANOTHER NEW HIGH RECORD PRICE FOR HOGS

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., March 3.—The upward trend of the local hog market was unchecked today and another mark was made when the price reached \$23.50.

SERVICE BOARD MAY GIVE IN TO TRANSIT PLEAS

Pressure by Mayor Brings Commission Here to Inspect Lines

WORK COULD BEGIN WITH CERTIFICATES

Director Brings All Members From Harrisburg. Urges Ending Delay

APPLICATION LAST YEAR

Three of Body Wanted to Wait Until Operating Plans Were Completed

As a result of pressure brought by Mayor Smith, Director Twining and other administration leaders, it was reported today that the Public Service Commission was about ready to grant certificates of public convenience for the several lines of the city's high-speed system as requested by the Department of City Transit.

The entire board of Public Service Commissioners came from Harrisburg today in company with Director Twining and started from Commissioner Ryan's office to make personal inspection of all the lines for which certificates have been asked. Mayor Smith accompanied them. These lines are the Broad street subway, delivery loop, Darby elevated, Northwest-Parkway-Roxborough subway-elevated and the Frankford elevated extension from Bridge to Rhawn street.

The commissioners started their inspection with the delivery loop. They will look over the route of the proposed Broad street subway, and if time permits, they will then take up the other lines.

REQUESTED LAST YEAR

The applications for all except the Darby elevated were filed with the commission the last week of December, 1916, and have been under discussion since that time. One public hearing was held at Harrisburg and another in Philadelphia.

Three of the commissioners have been in favor of granting the certificates all along. The other three have held that the certificates should not be granted until it had been definitely determined who was to operate and equip the high-speed system.

The attitude of the commission in withholding the certificates has virtually resulted in bringing the Transit Department to a standstill as far as further construction work is concerned.

For this reason Mayor Smith has brought every pressure to bear on the commission to force it to grant the authority requested. It is understood that the administration even went so far as to get legal opinions on the constitutional right of the service board to hold up what the citizens of Philadelphia have twice approved at the polls.

COULD START WORK

Granting of the certificates by the commission will mean that Director Twining can let the contracts at once for the subway delivery loop. The bids for the work were opened February 6. As a result of the inaction of the commission, the Director was unable to award the three contracts for the work.

Should the commission act, the Transit Department is prepared to proceed rapidly with the construction work. Monday the Director will advertise for bids for three sections of the Broad street subway work. One section is from South Penn square to a point below South street; the second is from City Hall northward to Buttonwood street; the third, Buttonwood street, north to Stiles street. The work will cost approximately \$11,000,000.

U. S. ARMY OFFICER KILLED ON CARSO FRONT

Rome Embassy Attache Believed to Have Been Thrown From Horse During Cannonade

ROME, March 3.—Death of Major Elvin R. Heiberg, U. S. A., military attache to the Rome embassy, was announced today, the result of an accident at the Carso front.

Major Heiberg had been granted an attack permit to view the fighting and was riding a horse on Thursday, somewhere along the line. It is believed from meager advices received here that the animal became frightened at a cannonade, and reared, throwing his rider.

King Victor and General Cadorna telegraphed their condolences to Ambassador Page here today. The latter ordered a special train to bring the body back to Rome from the front and dispatched the American naval attache to the Carso to take charge of the remains.

Major Elvin R. Heiberg was appointed as military attache at Rome about a year ago, previous to which he was in command of Troop H, Sixth Cavalry, on the Mexican border.

He was appointed to West Point from La Crosse, Wis., in 1896. After his graduation he served in the Boxer uprising in China, in the Porto Rican campaign of the Spanish-American War and as major of scouts in the Philippines. He also was Governor of the Uatatabo Province in the islands.

Major Heiberg was forty-two years old and was born in Rochester, Minn. He is survived by a widow and three children, who are in Rome.

Mother and Daughter Badly Burned

LANCASTER, Pa., March 3.—Mrs. Sarah Spedel, well known here, was almost burned to death and her daughter, Mrs. Sallie Dressbach, was seriously burned last night when the mother's dress caught fire from the kitchen range. Mrs. Spedel ran screaming into the yard, where her daughter attempted to extinguish the flames.